

# Detailed Chronology of Care and Related Evidence

**Robert Duncan McNeill | Date of birth: 1 July 1978**

*Prepared from all reviewed education, social-work, Children's Hearing, criminal-justice, prison, GP, hospital, addiction and mental-health records*

## Overall evidential position

The reviewed material establishes childhood residence at family addresses in Dunipace/Denny, repeated education and Social Work involvement, Children's Hearing referrals, home teaching and attendance at Bannockburn Day Unit. It does not establish that Bannockburn Day Unit was residential. The later SPS records provide direct evidence of custody at Longriggend from 10 to 21 August 1995 while Robert was aged 17, and at Polmont from 9 November 1998 to 2 July 1999 when he was an adult. No reviewed record directly attributes institutional abuse to staff or residents at Longriggend, Polmont or Bannockburn Day Unit.

## 1. Identity, names and key addresses

| Date/period         | Area            | Evidence                                                                                                                                | Source page(s)                               | Evidential value                                   |
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| 1 Jul 1978          | Identity        | Robert Duncan McNeill; date of birth 1 July 1978.                                                                                       | File 1 pp.5, 17, 20-22; SPS DPA p.2; CHS p.1 | Direct identity evidence                           |
| Undated / historic  | Other names     | CHS records other names "TREARTY/EDWARD" and "MCNEILL/ROBERT", with alias DOB 17 Jan 1970.                                              | CHS p.1                                      | Record discrepancy/alias to explain                |
| 1984-1985           | Family home     | 67 Chestnut Crescent, Dunipace/Denny.                                                                                                   | File 1 pp.2-7; SPS DPA p.4                   | Contemporaneous home-address evidence              |
| 1992-1993           | Family homes    | Records state Robert stayed mainly with his father and grandmother at 6 Chestnut Crescent; his mother remained at 67 Chestnut Crescent. | File 1 pp.8, 17-18, 20-22                    | Residence evidence; does not show residential care |
| Later adult records | Adult addresses | SPS/CHS records include 14 Grove Street, 94 Broad Street Cowdenbeath, 59 Doocot Court Perth and other adult addresses.                  | SPS DPA pp.2,4; CHS p.1                      | Adult address history                              |

## 2. Detailed childhood education, Social Work and Children's Hearing chronology

| Date/period         | Setting/agency                    | Event or evidence                                                                                                                                                                      | Source page(s)  | Evidential value                                      |
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| Aug 1984-May 1985   | Dunipace Primary / family home    | School non-attendance formed the basis of referral. The family address was 67 Chestnut Crescent. Denny School Council, the Reporter and Social Work were involved.                     | File 1 pp.2-7   | Statutory involvement; no residential placement       |
| 17 Jun 1985         | Reporter / Social Work            | Reporter to the Children's Panel wrote to the Denny Social Work area officer seeking a report concerning school non-attendance.                                                        | File 1 p.2      | Contemporaneous Children's Panel referral             |
| 3 Jul 1985          | School Social Work                | School social worker arranged a home visit to Mr and Mrs McNeill at 67 Chestnut Crescent.                                                                                              | File 1 p.3      | Confirms family residence and Social Work involvement |
| 1985 hearing period | Central Region Children's Hearing | Report records poor attendance and nocturnal enuresis. Parents attributed some absence to illness. No reviewed page records a residential requirement or accommodation away from home. | File 1 pp.5-7   | Hearing evidence; outcome incomplete                  |
| 6 Jul 1992          | Denny High School / Reporter      | Referral under section 32(2)(f) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 for school non-attendance.                                                                                      | File 1 p.24     | Statutory referral                                    |
| Aug-Sep 1992        | Denny High School                 | Robert was excluded/suspended and there were concerns about refusal to undertake classwork and homework. A psychological-services referral was agreed.                                 | File 1 p.8      | Education disruption and behavioural impact           |
| 22 Oct 1992         | Social Work / Children's Hearing  | Social Work advised the educational psychologist that a Children's Hearing was intended because of continued non-attendance and limited parental cooperation.                          | File 1 p.22     | Statutory involvement; final decision absent          |
| 12 Nov 1992         | Home teaching                     | Educational psychologist recorded that Robert had been offered home teaching and that a small-group education placement was being explored.                                            | File 1 pp.20-21 | Alternative education provision                       |

| Date/period           | Setting/agency                    | Event or evidence                                                                                                                                                                                            | Source page(s)                                          | Evidential value                               |
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|                       |                                   | Correspondence was copied to the Reporter, Education Department and social worker.                                                                                                                           |                                                         |                                                |
| Late 1992             | Social enquiry / family residence | Initial social-enquiry material records Robert living with his father/grandmother at 6 Chestnut Crescent and describes school exclusion and alternative-education planning.                                  | File 1 pp.17-18                                         | Contemporaneous residence evidence             |
| 25 Mar 1993           | Bannockburn Day Unit              | Head teacher advised that Robert was being considered for a place and requested Social Work attendance at a pre-admission meeting.                                                                           | File 1 p.11                                             | Direct proposed admission evidence             |
| Approx. 1993-1994     | Bannockburn Day Unit              | Later social-enquiry reports repeatedly state that Robert was admitted after truancy and suspension from Denny High School. The placement is described as a Day Unit and generally as a positive experience. | Files 2-9; notably File 7 p.19, File 8 p.34, File 9 p.5 | Corroborative day/education placement evidence |
| Approx. age 16 / 1994 | Leaving Day Unit / school         | Later reports state that Robert left the Day Unit or school at about age 16, then undertook training and short-term employment. Exact admission/discharge dates are not in the reviewed records.             | Repeated reports in Files 2-9                           | Approximate discharge; formal record absent    |

### 3. Custodial placements and movement chronology

#### Eligibility caution

Longriggend is the only reviewed record showing an away-from-home placement before 1 December 2004 while Robert was under 18. It was a custodial placement. Its treatment under the Scottish Redress Scheme requires a separate legal/eligibility assessment. Polmont began when Robert was aged 20 and is not childhood placement evidence.

| Date/period   | Setting/movement         | Event or evidence                                                                                   | Source page(s)  | Evidential value         |
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| 9-10 Aug 1995 | Barlinnie to Longriggend | SPS records initial Barlinnie allocation on 9 August and transfer to Longriggend on 10 August 1995. | SPS DPA pp.8,11 | Direct movement evidence |

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| 10-11 Aug 1995          | Longriggend - D Hall                             | Cell allocation at D Hall.                                                                                                                                                          | SPS DPA p.8                           | Direct residence evidence; age 17  |
| 11-15 Aug 1995          | Longriggend - A Annexe                           | Cell allocation at A Annexe.                                                                                                                                                        | SPS DPA p.8                           | Direct residence evidence          |
| 15-21 Aug 1995          | Longriggend - A Hall                             | Cell allocation at A Hall.                                                                                                                                                          | SPS DPA p.8                           | Direct residence evidence          |
| 21 Aug 1995             | Longriggend Reception / return to Barlinnie      | Reception allocation followed by transfer back to Barlinnie.                                                                                                                        | SPS DPA pp.8,11                       | Direct discharge/transfer evidence |
| 3 Nov 1998              | YOI sentence                                     | CHS records 20 months' detention in a Young Offenders Institution from 3 November 1998.                                                                                             | CHS p.1                               | Direct legal-basis evidence        |
| 9 Nov 1998              | Edinburgh to Polmont                             | SPS transfer record shows transfer from Edinburgh to Polmont.                                                                                                                       | SPS DPA p.11                          | Direct movement evidence           |
| 9 Nov 1998-2 Jul 1999   | Polmont - Lomond Hall / Lomond Bottom Flat       | Cell allocations establish residence at Polmont.                                                                                                                                    | SPS DPA p.8                           | Direct adult custody evidence      |
| Dec 1998 and May 1999   | Polmont                                          | MDT selection records provide additional corroboration of presence at Polmont.                                                                                                      | SPS DPA p.206                         | Corroborative presence evidence    |
| 2 Jul 1999              | Polmont to Barlinnie                             | SPS transfer record shows departure from Polmont to Barlinnie.                                                                                                                      | SPS DPA p.11                          | Direct discharge/transfer evidence |
| 2005-2012               | Low Moss, Barlinnie, Glenochil and other custody | CHS and SPS records show repeated adult imprisonment, transfers, temporary absences and release dates, including release from Low Moss on 27 Oct 2005 and Barlinnie on 18 Sep 2009. | CHS pp.2-7; SPS DPA movement sections | Adult life-impact evidence         |
| 29 Oct 2020-14 May 2021 | Perth prison                                     | SPS cell allocations and reviews record adult custody at Perth.                                                                                                                     | SPS DPA pp.7,9                        | Adult custody evidence             |

## 4. Abuse, trauma and disclosure chronology

| Date/period            | Theme                 | Evidence                                                                                                                                                   | Source page(s)                    | Evidential value                                   |
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| 1 Jul 1998 coded entry | Sexual-abuse history  | Historic clinical code records alleged rape by a redacted person/uncle and a friend. The age wording is unclear and should be copied exactly if relied on. | GP SAR p.10; Clinical Portal p.15 | Direct historic disclosure; setting not identified |
| 3 Feb 2023             | Adult rape disclosure | Consultant note records rape in the patient's twenties and previous                                                                                        | Morse continuation p.95           | Direct disclosure and impact; not linked to care   |

| Date/period | Theme                                       | Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                  | Source page(s)                 | Evidential value                               |
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|             |                                             | antidepressant treatment. It also records heroin use when stressed and diazepam used for sleep.                                                                                           |                                |                                                |
| 30 Apr 2024 | PTSD / childhood abuse                      | Community psychiatric nursing note records PTSD and childhood-abuse issues, while noting he did not wish to address them then and no current psychological-health issue was identified.   | Morse continuation p.66        | Impact and neutral context                     |
| 2 Dec 2024  | Childhood sexual abuse / suicidality        | Record states he had felt suicidal since the previous May and refers to adverse childhood experiences and childhood sexual abuse by an uncle.                                             | Morse continuation p.45        | Direct disclosure and mental-health impact     |
| 2024-2025   | Trauma treatment planning                   | Addiction records refer to childhood trauma, a previous psychology referral and discussion of trauma-support resources.                                                                   | Morse Attachments pp.88,99,109 | Treatment/corroborative impact                 |
| 10 Sep 2025 | Childhood sexual abuse                      | Patient asked where to obtain help for childhood sexual abuse and trauma; directed to RASAC or psychology.                                                                                | GP SAR p.7                     | Direct disclosure and treatment response       |
| 8 Oct 2025  | Sexual-abuse trauma                         | GP consultation expressly lists "Trauma from sexual abuse." Rectal symptoms were recorded separately; the clinician did not state that they were caused by abuse.                         | GP SAR p.5                     | Direct disclosure; medical symptoms not proof  |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Psychological-therapy referral              | Patient spoke at length about past childhood trauma, found the discussion upsetting and agreed to referral to psychological therapies.                                                    | Morse continuation p.28        | Treatment and impact evidence                  |
| 4 Nov 2025  | Trauma / distress                           | GP note records trauma issues, marked distress and a statement referring to being drugged and subjected to anal sexual assault. Support worker attended and psychology input was queried. | GP SAR p.4                     | Direct disclosure and contemporaneous distress |
| 10 Mar 2026 | Childhood physical assaults / police report | Patient described extensive childhood trauma and assaults by                                                                                                                              | Morse continuation p.15        | Direct disclosure; alleged perpetrators        |

| Date/period | Theme          | Evidence                                                                                                                                                   | Source page(s) | Evidential value                     |
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|             |                | family members, stating that he had reported incidents to police years earlier but felt he was not listened to because they happened in childhood.         |                | were family, not institutional staff |
| 31 Mar 2026 | Current impact | Patient stated that he had "abuse problems" rather than addiction problems and disputed a psychiatric label. Anger and pressure of speech were documented. | GP SAR p.2     | Impact and contemporaneous statement |

## 5. Mental health, self-harm and psychological treatment

| Date/period                      | Issue                         | Evidence                                                                                                                            | Source page(s)                                        | Evidential value                           |
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| 2020                             | Attempted suicide             | Addiction assessment records a reported attempted hanging.                                                                          | Morse Attachments p.27                                | Direct self-report                         |
| From May 2024, recorded Dec 2024 | Suicidal thoughts             | Record states he had felt suicidal since the previous May.                                                                          | Morse continuation p.45                               | Positive suicide-risk history              |
| Various assessments              | Negative risk findings        | Other records state no current self-harm or suicidal ideation, including Morse Attachments pp.8 and 15 and SPS entry on 4 Apr 2012. | Morse Attachments pp.8,15; SPS DPA p.216              | Neutral/negative findings                  |
| 2024-2025                        | PTSD / trauma symptoms        | PTSD, childhood trauma, distress and psychology/psychological-therapy referrals are recorded.                                       | Morse continuation pp.28,66; Attachments pp.88,99,109 | Psychological impact and treatment         |
| Undated SPS psychometric table   | Depression/anxiety labels     | Psychometric labels include "Severe Depression" and "Anxiety / Insomnia"; date and diagnostic context are unclear.                  | SPS DPA p.260                                         | Possible impact; not a confirmed diagnosis |
| 2025-2026                        | Distress and service conflict | GP records marked distress, anger, pressure of speech and difficulties navigating services.                                         | GP SAR pp.2,4                                         | Current psychological/social impact        |

## 6. Substance use, addiction treatment and associated life impact

| Date/period              | Issue                         | Evidence                                                                                                                                                    | Source page(s)                               | Evidential value                                 |
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| Reported from age 11     | Early substance use           | GP problem summary records IV heroin, street diazepam, crack and other drug use reported from age 11. No record expressly attributes this to care or abuse. | GP SAR p.9                                   | Impact history; causation not established        |
| Age 18 onward (reported) | Heroin progression            | Phoenix Futures/SPS record describes heroin smoking from age 18, regular use from about age 21, progressing to daily use and injecting.                     | SPS DPA p.224                                | Detailed substance-use chronology                |
| 1998-2012                | Drug-related offending        | CHS records offences involving ecstasy, diamorphine/heroin and diazepam, with imprisonment and community disposals.                                         | CHS pp.3-5                                   | Offending and social impact                      |
| 2009                     | Detox/methadone complaint     | SPS complaint entry records a resolved "Detox/Methadone Issue."                                                                                             | SPS DPA p.132                                | Treatment concern in custody                     |
| Adult records            | Opiate dependence / treatment | SPS lists opiates as primary substance. GP and addiction records document methadone and later buprenorphine/Buvidal treatment.                              | SPS DPA p.215; GP SAR pp.8-11; Morse records | Long-term addiction-service reliance             |
| 2023 onward              | Coping references             | Some records describe heroin use when stressed and diazepam for sleep. The records do not expressly state that addiction was caused by childhood abuse.     | Morse continuation p.95                      | Possible coping context; no explicit causal link |

## 7. Physical, medical and social consequences

| Date/period | Issue     | Evidence                                                                                         | Source page(s) | Evidential value                             |
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| Undated     | Scars     | SPS records scars to left fingers, lower left leg/knee and beneath the nose; no cause is stated. | SPS DPA p.4    | Physical consequence; no abuse attribution   |
| 4 Apr 2012  | Black eye | SPS entry records a black eye said to result from fighting "in the close" before admission.      | SPS DPA p.216  | Injury with recorded non-institutional cause |

| Date/period       | Issue                                | Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Source page(s)                         | Evidential value                                         |
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| 2017 onward       | Fractures and chronic pain           | Medical summaries record fractures including mandible, clavicle, calcaneus/fifth metatarsal and chronic foot/leg/back pain. Most causes are not linked to abuse.                                                 | GP SAR pp.8-10 and later consultations | Physical impact; no abuse link unless expressly recorded |
| 2024-2026         | Sexual and gastrointestinal symptoms | Records include erectile difficulty, pain on ejaculation, rectal discomfort/bleeding/disc harge and examination/referrals. Clinicians do not state these were caused by sexual abuse.                            | GP SAR pp.3-5,11                       | Medical treatment; possible indicator only, not proof    |
| Adult life course | Education/employment/offending       | Records describe disrupted education, limited qualifications, short-term employment, repeated offending, imprisonment, relationship difficulties, homelessness and reliance on addiction/mental-health services. | Files 2-10; CHS; SPS; GP/Morse records | Long-term social impact                                  |

## 8. Contradictory, neutral and limiting evidence

| Issue                     | Record                                                                                                                                 | Source                                   | Application treatment                                           |
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| Bannockburn Day Unit      | Repeatedly described as a Day Unit and, in later reports, as a positive experience. No reviewed document confirms overnight residence. | Files 2-9                                | Must not be described as residential without further evidence   |
| Family residence          | 1992-1993 records place Robert with his father/grandmother at 6 Chestnut Crescent and his mother at 67 Chestnut Crescent.              | File 1 pp.8,17-22                        | May contradict an assertion of residential care at that time    |
| Longriggend/Polmont abuse | No reviewed SPS/CHS entry identifies physical, sexual or emotional abuse by staff or residents.                                        | SPS DPA; CHS                             | Absence of direct institutional-abuse evidence in these reports |
| Self-harm risk            | Several assessments record denial of current suicidal thoughts/self-harm.                                                              | Morse Attachments pp.8,15; SPS DPA p.216 | Negative findings must be included in context                   |
| Injury causation          | Scars and fractures are recorded, but most entries do not give an abuse-related cause.                                                 | SPS DPA p.4; GP SAR                      | Do not infer causation                                          |

| Issue         | Record                                                                      | Source  | Application treatment        |
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| Alias details | CHS contains other names and an alias DOB different from the confirmed DOB. | CHS p.1 | Explain indexing discrepancy |

## 9. Evidential conclusions for the Scottish Redress application

- **Confirmed childhood statutory involvement:** Dunipace Primary and Denny High School records, Social Work reports, Reporter referrals and Children's Hearing material.
- **Confirmed education/day placement:** Bannockburn Day Unit attendance is repeatedly corroborated, but residential status is not established.
- **Confirmed under-18 custodial placement:** Longriggend residence from 10-21 August 1995 is established by cell-allocation and transfer records; Robert was 17.
- **Adult custody:** Polmont residence from 9 November 1998 to 2 July 1999 and numerous later prison periods are established, but these are adult placements.
- **Abuse evidence:** Later healthcare records contain direct disclosures of childhood sexual abuse, childhood physical assaults by family members, adult rape and significant trauma. None of the reviewed disclosures identifies Bannockburn Day Unit, Longriggend or Polmont as the place of abuse.
- **Impact evidence:** The records support longstanding mental-health distress, suicidality, substance dependence, chronic pain, disrupted education, offending, imprisonment, relationship and employment difficulties.
- **Key gap:** No reviewed document establishes residence in a children's home, residential school, foster placement or residential assessment centre, and no reviewed record directly links abuse to a qualifying care institution.

## 10. Further records recommended

- Complete Central Regional Council/Children's Hearing file, including grounds, hearing decisions, supervision requirements and any movement or accommodation conditions.
- Full Social Work case file and chronology, including placement authorisations, reviews, movement records, absconding records and discharge/aftercare documents.
- Bannockburn Day Unit admission register, attendance record, pupil file and service description confirming whether the unit was day-only or had any residential component.
- Longriggend admission/reception file, young-person case file, medical records, incident logs, complaint records and any use-of-force or segregation records for 10-21 August 1995.
- Police records relating to the childhood reports referred to in the 10 March 2026 clinical note.
- Any named residential school, children's home, foster placement or assessment-centre records recalled by the applicant but absent from the reviewed material.

### Verification note

Many historic records are scanned, partly redacted and were reviewed using OCR. Before a quotation or date is included in a signed statement, the highlighted source page should be checked visually. This chronology distinguishes direct placement evidence, later impact evidence and matters that remain unconfirmed.